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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 3600

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: D. Foote et al. Attorney Docket No.: LAMA122071
Application No.: 10/723,846 Art Unit: 3673 / Confirmation No.: 9688
Filed: November 26, 2003 Examiner: V. Patel
Title: SEAL CONFIGURATION TO REDUCE SEAL FAILURE

TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR RESPONSE
AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

April 12, 2006

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

A. Response Transmittal

Transmitted herewith is a response to an Office Action in the above-identified application. No additional claim fee is required.

B. Additional Fee Charges or Credit for Overpayment

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.18 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 03-1740. This authorization also hereby includes a request for any extensions of time of the appropriate length required upon the filing of any reply during the entire prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This amendment is responsive to the February 13, 2006, Final Office Action. Please amend the application as follows:

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